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ABSTRACT

Most deaf children are born to hearing parents. Many of these parents have little or no knowledge of deafness and what it means for their child, themselves, or their family. This book introduces parents of deaf children to the aspects of deafness they will want to know more about. The book can be read as a whole, as it is designed to take a logical progression through the issues to be considered by parents. An audiological explanation of deafness is provided and issues regarding the family, language development, and educational choices are then considered. Throughout the book, consideration is given to the place of sign language in the development and education of deaf children. Clear, accessible, and full information is provided in a variety of areas so the reader can develop informed opinions and ideas of their own in relation to the management and education of their child. The book will also be of interest to teachers and other professionals working with deaf children. A list of resources and contact information, an index, and extensive references are included. (KFT)

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